that is putting back the hands of the clock a long while. I doubt whether that will be feasible however worthy the ideal may be.

In regard to our State, the population is so dense that the available acreage is relatively small and cannot produce all the requirements of the people. You can easily work it out yourself.

The area of Travancore is 7,600 sq. miles. Deduct from this the 1,500 sq. miles of forests. There are about 5,000 sq. miles available for cultivation. The present population of Travancore is roughly in the neighbourhood of 44 lakhs. Divide 5,000 sq. miles by 44 lakhs and convert the result into acres and cents and you will see that the available lands cannot possibly support the population.

64. A scheme for the encouragement of higher education among Malayala Brahmins.

MR. TRIVIKRAMARU VASUDEVARU (*Member, Jenmies, Trivandrum Division, Group I*) dealing with the encouragement of higher education among Malayala Brahmins proposed the formation of a Namputiri Education Trust on the following lines :

(1) A trust by the above name should be started and registered.

(2) The capital of the trust should be Rs. 1,00,000 which should be divided into shares of Re. 1 each.

(3) The amount which is annually spent for the Special School at Kulakada together with its management should be handed over to the trust.

(4) The private religious endowments of the Malayala Brahmins, such as Sabhamatams, Othoottus etc., which were in the possession of Government and which came into the possession of Government hereafter should be handed over to the trust.

(5) Those religious endowments whose management was found to be unsatisfactory should, according to the recommendation of the trust, be taken possession of by the Government and handed over to the trust.

(6) The money collected should be deposited in the Government treasury or in State-aided banks.

(7) The money should be utilised for educational purposes in accordance with the decision of the trust.

(8) The accounts of the trust should be audited by an officer appointed by the Government.

(9) The trust should be under the management of a board consisting of six non-official members and the Director of Public Instruction or one of the Inspectors of Schools appointed by the Government.

(10) The non-official members of the board should be elected from the board by those share-holders who had taken not less than 100 shares.

(11) One of the elected members should be the secretary of the board and the president of each meeting should be elected at such meetings.

(12) The board should be authorised :

(*a*) to select the subjects to be specialised ;
(*b*) to select students ;
(*c*) to select the places of study ;
(*d*) to get the necessary bonds from the selected candidates or their parents or from both.

(13) Government should show special encouragement in the matter of appointments, promotions etc., to Malayala Brahmin candidates educated under the above scheme.

If the scheme appeared feasible to Government the member said he would submit further details.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Trivikramaru Vasudevaru, your scheme for the education of Malayala Brahmin students by the setting up of a Namputiri Education Trust is an extremely interesting one and I shall study it more closely and have it examined.

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